GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2124
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IMPORT OF RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the agencies / companies who have imported rubber during the last three years;

(b) the volume of rubber imported by each agency during the above period, year-wise and agency-wise;

(c) whether due to huge import, the domestic rubber industry has affected adversely;

(d) if so, whether the Government have made any study in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to safeguard the interest of domestic rubber farmers;

(g) whether the Government are considering to announce a fresh package as a relief for the rubber farmers being affected due to import;

(h) if so, the details of proposed package; and

(i) the time by which proposed package likely to be announced?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): There are around 5100 rubber goods manufacturers in India, some ofwhich import Natural Rubber. A list of major importers of Natural Rubber along with quantity imported by them during the last three years is annexed.

(c) to (i) : The import of natural rubber has affected the domestic rubber industry to some extent. The Government, however, has been monitoring the import and price situation of rubber and has taken a series of steps which include market intervention operation through STC during August 1997 to April 2001, continuing the ban on import of Natural Rubber against advance licences even in the QR free regime, fixing and notifying the minimum price of the two most commonly used classes of rubber viz. RSS-4 and RSS-5 under the provisions of Rubber Act, 1947, restricting surge in imports of Natural Rubber by allowing imports only through two designated ports i.e. Kolkata and Visakhapatnam and enforcing BIS quality standards on imported rubber. The Govt. of India has also recently approved a proposal of the Rubber Board for export of 20,000 MT of Natural Rubber by Kerala State Cooperative Rubber Mark Federation Ltd. (Rubbermark) as this will help the primary growers significantly in the QR free regime.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) &(b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2124 FOR ANSWER ON 15TH MARCH, 2002 REGARDING IMPORT OF RUBBER

S.No.	Name of Manufacturers	Qty. imported (tonnes)		
		1998-99	1999-00	2000-01
1.	Goodyear India Ltd., Faridabad	585	0	0
2.	Appollo Tyres Ltd. Kochi	4173	570	0

3. CEAT Ltd. Bombay 4113 3574 665

4. Vikrant Tyres Ltd., Mysore 1776 1805 1649

5. Birla Tyres, Balassore (Orissa) 310 233 480

6. J.K. Industries Ltd., Kankroll,
Rajasthan 5314 4939 1068

7. MRF Ltd., Chennai 1088 210 0

8. Modi Rubber Ltd., New Delhi 2272 988 0

9. Balakrishna Ind. Ltd.,
Aurangabad 1479 863 0

10. EMKAY India Rubber Co.P. Ltd.
Gurgaon 219 142 113

11. Kemwell International Ltd.,
Bangalore 882 1037 630

12. Garware Elastomerics Ltd.,
Satara, Maharashtra 788 1571 1115

13. Ralson India Ltd., Ludhiana,
Punjab 1113 1490 932

14. Govind Rubber Ltd., Jugiana,
Punjab 2676 1739 0

15. TTK-LIG Ltd., Chennai 315 315 236

16. Shri Anusham Rubber Inds.(P)Ltd.,
KK Dist. Tamilnadu 260 404 98

17. Arooshi Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.,
Gurgaon 0 99 1050

18. Plaat Bodra Ltd., Bangalore. 465 16 158

19. Taba Gloves P. Ltd. Kochi 157 98 69

20 Hindustan Rubbers,
Dadra & Nagar Haveli. 198 76 0